

software 21 for managing and controlling the printer 1, software for observing a state of the printer 1 (referred to as "state observation software" hereinafter) 22, software for printing (called "print software" hereinafter) 23, and software for reading (called "read software" hereinafter) 24 are installed. When the state observation software 22 receives a read function set signal, it determines that the function to be executed must be changed from the print function to the read function, and terminates the print software 23 and launches the read software 24. Whereas, when the state observation software 22 receives a print function set signal, it determines that the function to be executed must be changed from the read function to the print function, and terminates the read software 24 and launches the print software 23.

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims by replacing the identified claims with the following as indicated below (attached is an appendix showing the changes).

Please amend claims 1, 14, 24, and 27 as follows, and add new claim 32:

5.5C> / 1. (Amended) A composite system including a first apparatus having convertible options to functions as a printer and a reader, and an information processing apparatus to which print software and read software are installed, said system comprising:
 A3 a detection device for detecting the option, selected or installed, on the first apparatus; and
 launching means for automatically launching either the print software or the read software installed in the information processing apparatus depending upon the selected or installed option detected by said detection device, and for allowing displaying an image read by said reader when said detection device detects that said reader is selected or installed.

5.5C(2)> / 14. (Amended) An apparatus, having convertible options to function as a printer and a reader, which realizes a composite system in combination with an information processing apparatus to which print software and read software are installed, said apparatus comprising:
 A4 a detection device for detecting the option, selected or installed, on the first apparatus; and
 output means for outputting a signal indicative of the selected or installed option detected by said detection device, and for allowing displaying an image read by said reader when said detection device detects that said reader is selected or installed.

5.5C(3)> / 24. (Amended) An information processing apparatus to which print software and read software are installed, which realizes a composite system in combination with a first

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apparatus, having convertible options to function as a printer and a reader, said apparatus comprising:

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launching means for automatically launching either the print software or the read software installed in the information processing apparatus depending upon the option selected or installed on said first apparatus, and for allowing displaying an image read by said reader when said reader is selected or installed.

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27. (Amended) A function execution method used in a composite system including a first apparatus having convertible options to function as a printer and a reader, and an information processing apparatus to which print software and read software are installed, said method characterized by comprising:

a detection step of detecting the option, selected or installed, on the first apparatus; and

a launching step of automatically launching either the print software or the read software installed in the information processing apparatus depending upon the selected or installed option detected at said detection step, and allowing displaying an image read by said reader when it is detected in said detection step that said reader is selected or installed.:.

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32. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium for a function execution method used in a composite system including a first apparatus having convertible options to function as a printer and a reader, and an information processing apparatus to which print software and read software are installed, said product including:

first computer readable program code means for detecting the option, selected or installed, on the first apparatus; and

second computer readable program code means for automatically launching either the print software or the read software installed in the information processing apparatus depending upon the selected or installed option detected and allowing displaying an image read by said reader when said reader is selected or installed.

Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application and have been rejected. With this Amendment, Applicants have added new claim 32. Claims 1, 14, 24, 27, and 32 are independent.